

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) An intervertebral cage insertable between vertebrae of a spine comprising:

a main body defined by a pair of upper and lower surfaces and a pair of side surfaces connected thereto; and

a withdrawal prevention portion formed on the upper and/or the lower surfaces of the main body,

wherein the withdrawal prevention portion regulates an insertion direction of the intervertebral cage,

wherein the main body is formed in a hollow body and is made thicker on a rear side in the direction of insertion than on a front side,

wherein the withdrawal prevention portion comprises a plurality of claw portions whose cutting lines are formed in a direction nearly perpendicular to a bisector line nearly bisecting an angle formed by a side surface and a front surface of the main body,

and wherein a screw through hole is formed to pass through surfaces which form a V-shaped groove in a sectional side view in a rear end surface of the main body and are opposed to each other.

4. (Original) The intervertebral cage according to claim 3, wherein the screw through hole is an elongated hole made in a direction perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of the intervertebral cage.

5. (Currently Amended) The intervertebral cage according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 3, wherein the direction of insertion is regulated in a direction perpendicular to the cutting lines.

6. (Original) The intervertebral cage according to claim 3, wherein the main body has a vertical through hole passing through the upper and lower surfaces, a transverse through hole passing through the side surfaces from one side to the other side, and a hole formed from a front end surface in a direction of insertion of the main body to a rear end surface opposite to the front end surface.